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H. R. 3467

To enhance Federal Reserve transparency.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BARR (for himself and Mr. LOUDERMILK) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To enhance Federal Reserve transparency.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. FEDERAL RESERVE TRANSPARENCY.**

4 (a) FEDERAL RESERVE ACT.—The Federal Reserve
5 Act (12 U.S.C. 221 et seq.) is amended—

6 (1) in section 13(3), by adding at the end the
7 following:

8 “(F) CONGRESSIONAL ACCESS TO INFOR-
9 MATION.—

1 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The Board shall
2 make available to the Committee on Finan-
3 cial Services of the House of Representa-
4 tives and the Committee on Banking,
5 Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate
6 information requested by such committees
7 related to any credit facility established by
8 or on behalf of the Federal Reserve System
9 or a Federal reserve bank and authorized
10 by the Board under this paragraph.

11 “(ii) CONFIDENTIALITY.—With re-
12 spect to a request described under clause
13 (i), if the Chairman of the Board deter-
14 mines that any part of the requested infor-
15 mation needs to remain confidential and
16 provides written notice of such determina-
17 tion to the committee making such request,
18 the Board shall only make that part of the
19 requested information available to the
20 chair and ranking member of the com-
21 mittee.”; and

22 (2) in the first subsection (s) (related to “Fed-
23 eral Reserve Transparency”) of section 11—
24 (A) in paragraph (2)(B), by striking
25 “eighth” and inserting “fourth”;

(B) in paragraph (5), by striking “24-month” and inserting “12-month”; and

(C) in paragraph (7)—

(i) by striking “This subsection” and

inserting the following:

“(A) IN GENERAL.—This subsection”;

(ii) by inserting “public” before “dis-

closure’’; and

(iii) by adding at the end the fol-

lowing:

“(B) CONGRESSIONAL ACCESS TO INFORMATION.—

(j) IN GENERAL.—The Board shall

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information described under subparagraph (A) available to the Committee on Financial Services of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate.

“(ii) CONFIDENTIALITY.—With respect to a request described under clause (i), if the Chairman of the Board determines that any part of the requested information needs to remain confidential and provides written notice of such determina-

1 tion to the committee making such request,
2 the Board shall only make that part of the
3 requested information available to the
4 chair and ranking member of the com-
5 mittee.”.

6 (b) DODD-FRANK WALL STREET REFORM AND CON-
7 SUMER PROTECTION ACT.—Title XI of the Dodd-Frank
8 Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act is
9 amended—

10 (1) in section 1104 (12 U.S.C. 5611)—
11 (A) in subsection (a)(2)—
12 (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking
13 “and” at the end;
14 (ii) by redesignating subparagraph
15 (B) as subparagraph (C); and
16 (iii) by inserting after subparagraph
17 (A) the following:
18 “(B) be transmitted to the chair and rank-
19 ing member of the Committee on Financial
20 Services of the House of Representatives and
21 the chair and ranking member of the Com-
22 mittee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
23 of the Senate; and”;

(B) in subsection (b), by inserting after
“consent of the Secretary” the following: “and
notification to Congress”;

4 (C) in subsection (c)(2), in the heading, by
5 inserting “CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW AND” be-
6 fore “GAO”; and

7 (D) by striking subsection (d);

8 (2) in section 1105 (12 U.S.C. 5612)—

9 (A) in subsection (c)—

10 (i) in paragraph (1)—

(I) by inserting “and upon notification to Congress” after “with the President”;

14 (II) by striking “President may”
15 and inserting “President shall”; and

16 (III) by striking “amount and a
17 request” and inserting “amount, and
18 include in such report the expected
19 cost to taxpayers and a detailed de-
20 scription of the assumptions made
21 and analytical tools used to calculate
22 such expected cost, and a request”;
23 and

(ii) in paragraph (2), by inserting
“and upon notification to Congress” after
“with the President”; and

4 (B) in subsection (g), by amending para-
5 graph (3) to read as follows:

6 “(3) LIQUIDITY EVENT.—The term ‘liquidity
7 event’ shall have the definition given such term,
8 jointly, by the Board of Governors, the Corporation,
9 and the Secretary, by rule pursuant to notice and
10 comment.”.

11 (c) TITLE 31.—Section 714(f)(3) of title 31, United
12 States Code, is amended—

